



Local Comprehensive Plans and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

As your community begins to develop the transportation element of your comprehensive plan *either with or without the financial assistance of state planning grant funds*, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) would like to offer its assistance.

Your plan's transportation element is linked with virtually all the other comprehensive plan elements. It is a critical part of envisioning and implementing your community's goals for the next 20 years. WisDOT

Transportation District staff are available to assist your community in the development of the transportation element of a comprehensive plan in the following ways:

Data and Information

- WisDOT has a number of transportation data and information resources useful for your community's inventory and analysis process, such as traffic data, highway functional classifications and transportation maps. This can reduce the time and cost of data gathering.
- WisDOT District staff can help to identify state and regional transportation plans and assist in determining how to "*incorporate*" these plans into your community's comprehensive plan. This is statutorily required within the transportation element.

State and Local Transportation Issues

- WisDOT District staff can identify planned state transportation projects that may affect your community and comprehensive planning process. These projects often involve improvements to state highways in your community, however project information regarding other transportation modes will also be available.
- Your community will be able to share its vision and local transportation plans with WisDOT as well as WisDOT sharing the state's transportation issues that directly affect your community. This coordination will help to both improve your comprehensive plan and foster long-term cooperation between your community and WisDOT.

State Planning Grants

- Discussing your community's transportation issues and coordinating with WisDOT District staff will help your community to better address grant application questions relating to transportation.
- If you have received a state grant, WisDOT staff can assist you in the requirements of the grant including coordinating with a Metropolitan Planning Organization, where applicable.

WisDOT staff can be involved in your planning process in a number of ways. Some of these include participating on a technical committee, meeting with your community and/or consultant to discuss transportation issues and reviewing your community's draft transportation element. At the very least, it is important that your community inform WisDOT of its planning efforts to allow us an opportunity to provide input in the process in a timely manner. This helps to ensure your community's plan, especially plans for those areas adjacent to the state highway and your local road network, are coordinated with WisDOT and various state and regional transportation plans.

A list of [WisDOT District staff contacts](#) is available. Please call or email WisDOT District staff in your area to find out how your community and WisDOT can work together in this process to achieve mutual transportation goals.

For additional information, please see the "[Transportation Planning Resource Guide](#)" which provides transportation planning related information to help your community's planning process. Hard copies are available by contacting WisDOT District staff.